

What You Can Do To Help Win The Fight For States' Rights . . .

YOU—every loyal man and woman—States' Rights, Jeffersonian Democrat has a highly important job to do—and now!

- (1)—Wear this emblem with pride from now until the November general election.
- (2)—Pay at least \$1.00 for your States' Rights button to help finance the work.



- (3)—Attend your Precinct Convention—on Tuesday, May 18th., at your usual voting place at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and see to it that delegates from your precinct are true and loyal, States' Rights, Jeffersonian Democrats who are willing to fight for our Southern way of life without fear or compromise. Ask your precinct delegates to pledge to support the plan of your State Democratic Executive Committee without qualification.
- (4)—Vote in the November general election only for presidential electors who have agreed to vote only for candidates for president and vice-president who have openly and publicly taken a stand for States' Rights and against this so-called "Civil Rights" program. (There will probably be Truman electors, Wallace electors, black and tan electors, lily-white electors and maybe others on the November ballot with our States' Rights electors—therefore you must vote and urge your neighbors to vote so that our States' Rights electors will know they have the overwhelming majority of States' Rights, Jeffersonian Democrats of Mississippi solidly behind them).
- (5)—Know the facts about the tragic mistake the present leaders of the National Democratic Party are making. Know the dangers that are ahead for you and yours unless you fight the good fight for States' Rights. This is your fight—Move up into battle and onward to Victory!

DATES TO REMEMBER

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1948

PRECINCT CONVENTIONS

Your Usual Voting Place—10:00 o'clock A. M.

- All voters—men and women—to attend
- Any voter can call meeting to order
- Elect Chairman and Secretary
- Elect delegates to your county convention
- Have delegates take pledge of loyalty to Mississippi Democratic Executive Committee program of action
- Chairman and Secretary give delegates signed certification of their election and send copies to County and State Democratic Executive Committee Secretaries.

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1948

COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Usually in County Court House 10:00 o'clock A. M.

- All delegates from precinct conventions to attend (Public can also attend and should do so)
- Elect Chairman and Secretary
- Elect Delegates to State Convention
- Elect County Democratic Executive Committee

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1948

STATE CONVENTION

Municipal Auditorium, Jackson, Mississippi, 10:00 o'clock A. M.

- All delegates from County Convention to attend (Public can also attend and should do so)
- Elect Chairman and Secretary
- Name Resolutions Committee
- Elect Delegates to National Convention
- Name 9 Presidential Electors to go on the November election ballots
- Elect a National Committeeman and Committee-woman.
- Elect a State Democratic Executive Committee.

WEAR THIS WITH PRIDE



FROM NOW UNTIL NOVEMBER



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★ THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP of the National Democratic Party has Stabbed all loyal States' Rights Democrats in the back with a vicious, so-called "Civil Rights" Program.

★ YOUR REWARD for years of loyalty to the Party is that you are being sacrificed for the votes of minorities in the big cities of the North, East and Mid-West.

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Truman's "Civil Rights" Program Is The "Stab In The Back" Of The South...

On February 2, 1948, President Truman sent his so-called "Civil Rights" recommendations to the Congress.

By this act, the leader of our own Democratic Party, stabbed the South in the back by advocating serious invasions of States' Rights by the Federal Government without equal in the history of our nation.

These "Civil Rights" recommendations were directed straight at the heart of our Southern way of life.

On numerous occasions since February 2nd., President Truman has repeated his desire and determination to have his "Civil Rights" program enacted into law IN SPITE of opposition in the South. He has been backed up by the national chairman of the party and other leaders outside the South.

A group of Southern Governors called on National Chairman McGrath on February 23rd in Washington for a show-down and McGrath said flatly he would not try to have the president's civil rights program withdrawn from Congress as the Southern Governors demanded. Nor would he agree to return to the two-thirds convention rule under which the South once held a voice in the selection of presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

Thus, the present leaders of the Democratic Party, in order to appeal to minority groups in the big cities of the north, east and mid-west are determined to sacrifice our traditions and way of life in the South—because these minority group demanded this as the price for their votes!

IF the President and the National Democratic Party want UNITY at home—as we face our enemies abroad—why don't they withdraw this DEMAND for so-called "civil rights"?

WHAT This So-Called "Civil Rights" Program Means to YOU and YOURS

This so-called "Civil Rights" Program is a threat of a very serious nature to every man, woman and child in the South and in the Nation. It consists of

The Anti-Lynching bill which is a pet measure of the Society for the Advancement of Colored People. The bill is aimed directly at the South where unfortunately an occasional lynching occurs. The proposed bill is a vicious attempt to take away from the States the right to control their own affairs. No matter how revolting the act of lynching may be to thinking people we do not need Federal meddling in our state affairs. We have our own laws against lynching and we are quite able to enforce them. We need no help from the outside.

The Anti-Poll Tax law is another invasion of States' Rights. In Mississippi the \$2.00 tax goes to the aid of the Common Schools and can be used for no other purpose. It applies to all alike. No distinction whatever is made by reason of race color or creed. Persons over 60 years of age are not required to pay a poll tax. In order to vote a person over sixty has only to go to the Circuit Clerk and procure a certificate of exemption. Yet, only few negroes over 60 take advantage of this exemption. But be that as it may, the fact remains that the fixing of qualifications of voters is no business of the Federal Government or of Congress. This is a matter left by the Constitution exclusively to the States.

Creation of a Fair Employment Practices Committee—(FEPC) would create a Federal Bureau armed with the power to require employment of negroes in all forms of industry and commerce. There would be Federal agents in all parts of the country, especially in the South, to see that negroes are employed in shops, stores, offices, banks and all such places. No longer would an employer have the right to say who should be employed to work in his establishment. No longer could the worker have any say as to whom his fellow workers would be. Should Congress pass such a law, which has been defeated in several other states, it would be the end of our social order and a death blow to traditions dear to the hearts of the people of the South.

Anti-Segregation Bill would abolish the separation of the races as now practiced throughout the South generally. In depots, on railroad trains, in buses, and all other forms of public conveyance there would no longer be any distinction whatever. In short, it would be the beginning of the end of the separation of the races in every way, shape or form. Soon, there would be no difference in hotels, restaurants, theatres, schools or other public places. White people and negroes would be compelled to sit side by side in places where now they are separated either by law or custom.

What The Mississippi Democratic Party Is Doing To Protect You . . .

Every thinking man and woman knows the serious effect of this so-called "Civil Rights" legislation.

Governor Fielding L. Wright brought it to the attention of all Mississippians in his inaugural address in January. Since that time he has taken the lead in fighting this invasion of States' Rights and all those who stand for such measures.

Your State Democratic Executive Committee on March 1, 1948 adopted a resolution that outlined a militant plan of action.

This plan calls on all loyal, States' Rights, Jeffersonian Democrats to make sure that their precinct convention, county convention, state convention and national convention delegates and that Mississippi's nine presidential electors will stand firmly for States' Rights and against any candidates for President or Vice-president of the United States who has not openly and positively pledged to fight the measures included in this so-called "Civil Rights" program.

The plan is simply this: (1) Mississippi's delegates will go to the National Democratic Convention in Philadelphia in July; (2) If the convention does not adopt a positive plank for States' Rights and does not nominate candidates for president and vice-president who are openly and positively pledged to fight against this "Civil Rights" program—then Mississippi's delegates will leave the National Convention and come home; (3) then your State Democratic Executive Committee will call another State Democratic Convention and ask the Convention to authorize its delegates to attend a State's Rights Convention and there to join with other people from other states in the nomination of a candidate for president and a candidate for vice-president who are for States' Rights and who will fight this dangerous "Civil Rights" idea; (4) then Mississippi's 9 electoral votes should be cast for such States' Rights candidates for president and vice-president; (5) such action would probably keep any candidate from being elected in the Electoral College and thus throw the election into the National House of Representatives where each state has only one vote.

The outcome could not help but be to the best interest of Mississippi and to the South. We might elect our own President. At least we could prove we were no longer "In the Bag".

GIVE THE GOVERNMENT BACK TO THE PEOPLE AND TO THE STATES—FIGHT FOR STATES' RIGHTS!

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THE PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI Can Vote For Whom They Please!

Your State Democratic Party is definitely against Truman, his civil rights' program, or any other candidates for President or Vice-president who do not openly take a positive stand for States' Rights and against this so called "Civil Rights" legislation.

However, if there are those in Mississippi who want to put TRUMAN electors, WALLACE electors, or any other set of electors on the November general election ballot—ALONG with our STATES' RIGHTS ELECTORS—they are perfectly free to hold conventions and qualify such electors as required by Mississippi election laws.

If there are those in Mississippi who want Truman, Wallace, or any other anti-States' Rights or "Civil Rights" candidates on the ballot let them stand forth, put their candidates' names on the ballot and LET THE VOTERS OF MISSISSIPPI DECIDE!

The Mississippi State Democratic Party welcomes this opportunity for a "show down" with those who are saying it is denying anyone the right to vote for the candidate of his or her choice.

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